

UNTERMYER ASSAILS BUILDING EMPLOYERS

Says Their Competition for Labor Is to Blame for High Wages.

INQUIRY AGAIN TO-DAY

Master Plumbers to Tell of Conditions Menacing \$50,000,000 Contracts.

HODCARRIERS STILL OUT

Arbitration Doesn't Hold Between Unions Who Endanger All Construction.

Employers more than union laborers are responsible for any excessive wages the latter may get in the building trades, said Samuel Untermyer last night in indicating a possible line of inquiry the Lockwood committee may pursue to-day into the plumbers, plasterers, bricklayers and building helpers trades.

Mr. Untermyer said he believed it could be shown that organized builders consistently had bid against each other for men for a year since the labor shortage became more critical. He thought this was true not only against "independent" contractors but also between members of the associations.

Relief would have been found in fixed wage scales such as proposed last spring by the Lockwood committee, agreed to by labor but rejected by the builders, asserted Mr. Untermyer. The scales have since proved to be less than those the employers have created by their own competition.

Master plumbers are expected to present to the committee their predictions that unless labor realizes its "exorbitant demands," cessation of work on \$50,000,000 worth of contracts for 1923 is inevitable.

Some permanent adjustment in this matter is regarded as important because it has become the Balkans of the building trades. It nearly precipitated a city wide building tieup two weeks ago through a quarrel between bricklayers and builders.

SENATOR KNOX'S ESTATE FIXED AT \$1,464,724

Executor's Report Made in Tax Proceedings.

The estate of former Senator Philander C. Knox, who died in Washington October 12, 1921, amounted to \$1,464,724, according to a report of the executor, the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, made in tax proceedings filed yesterday with the New York State Tax Commission.

HURT IN COLLISION, GIRL WINS \$19,000

Father Had Received Award of \$2,700.

A jury in the Supreme Court at White Plains yesterday returned a verdict of \$19,000 in favor of Martha A. Schmidt, 17, of Somers, N. Y., against the Alvan Blumenthal and Isadore Elson Auto Company of New York, for injuries received April 17, 1921.

ASTOR'S MEN TESTIFY IN WET CLUB INQUIRY

Secretary and Butler Queried on Bachelor Dinner.

William A. Dobbyn, private secretary to Vincent Astor, and John Brooks, Mr. Astor's butler, were two of the six witnesses to testify yesterday before the Federal Grand Jury investigating a supposed champagne cork popping contest which took place at a bachelor dinner given in a club in the vicinity of Thirty-fourth street and Park avenue.

GOV. M'CRAY TO SPEAK

Gov. Warren McCray of Indiana will be the principal speaker at the Indiana Club dinner to-night at the McAlpin Hotel.

Suit Aims to Oust Prison and Railroad at Ossining

HOWARD G. BISHOP and others have brought suit against Willis P. Thomas before Justice Tompkins in the Supreme Court, White Plains, for the partition of property in a legal scheme that involves an attempt to oust the New York Central Railroad, several factories and Sing Sing Prison from their present sites at Ossining.

MOTOR FIRE STALLS EAST SIDE SUBWAY

Hundreds of Passengers Have to Grope Way Through Emergency Exits.

A motor on a southbound ten car Lexington avenue subway express burst into flame at Ninety-first street during the rush hour yesterday morning, stalling the train and causing the passengers to group their way along the tracks to emergency exits.

They were Viola Balan, 19, 118 East 125th street, treated for shock; Rosa Litwak, 1331 Southern boulevard, The Bronx, lacerated left leg; Henry Spencer, 46, 55 West 135th street, treated for shock; and Benjamin Rosenthal, 39, 1035 Tiffany street, The Bronx, lacerated left leg.

Traffic was tied up on the express tracks for about an hour and the congestion at Grand Central was great. Crows also thronged the Times Square subway station on the West Side because of a tie up at Seventy-second street, where a southbound Broadway and Seventh avenue express developed motor trouble.

The blowout on the Lexington avenue express took place at 8:18 and it stopped dead just below Ninety-first street. An alarm of fire was turned in and Hook and Ladder Company 13 responded. The interborough officials had shut off the power, however, and the burning insulation on the contact shoe had been extinguished by the train crew with promptness.

MISS SOUTHWAY SANE, HER PHYSICIAN SAYS

Tells of Her Sense of Obligation to Charities.

Dr. Lewis F. Frissell of 113 East Fifty-ninth street, personal physician to the late Emily F. Southway for nearly eight years, was the principal witness yesterday at the trial of the contest of Miss Southway's will before Surrogate Foley and a jury.

EIGHT CRAGER SYSTEM MEN HELD FOR TRIAL

Accused of Working Huge Fraud Through Mails.

When arraigned yesterday before Judge John C. Knox in the United States District Court, eight defendants pleaded not guilty to indictments returned last week to them by the mails to defraud in connection with the operations of the Crager System, Inc., 140 West Forty-second street.

BAKHMETEFF IN BUSINESS

Former Russian Ambassador is an Expert.

Bug Takes His Morphine Straight and Outlives Six Insect Friends

Bronson McCarver, a Government narcotic agent stationed in Washington, sent a small box to Dr. Carleton Simon, Special Deputy Police Commissioner, five days ago, explaining that it contained a narcotic and that he had acquired it in a raid in the District of Columbia.

FOUND ANYTHING

If you see it in the Lost and Found column of to-day's New York Herald,

'PRESENT FOR BABY' WAS A LARGE BOMB

Infernal Machine Sizzles, but Fails to Explode as Lid Is Replaced.

DEADLY IN ITS MAKEUP

Jacob Percell, Intended Victim, Says He Knows of No Enemies.

Detectives of the Bomb Squad under Lieut. James Gegan were trying last night to trace the third pound bomb that was sent last Wednesday to Jacob Percell, a second hand furniture dealer of 949 Columbus avenue. The bomb, which sizzled for a moment when Percell started to open the box in which it was mailed, contained enough powder, screws, nails and bolts to have wrecked the store and killed anybody who happened to be near.

Percell lives at 70 West 108th street and is the father of a baby girl Norma, who was born only a few days ago and for whom presents have been sprinkled almost daily.

In the box was a can of black powder and around the can were packed heavy nuts, bolts and iron slugs. The contrivance for ignition was a circular wooden disc surrounded by wires, arranged to revolve and scratch on sandpaper when the sliding lid of the box was pulled open.

Neither Percell nor the detectives of the bomb squad have been able to find a motive for the attempted murder and destruction of Percell, said by no one.

TWO MEN LOSE LIVES IN MOTOR CAR MISHAPS

Customs Collector and Daughter Knocked Down.

Stephen Docko, 45, of Roslyn, was killed last night when the bicycle he was riding was struck on West Turnpike Hill, Roslyn, by a truck owned by Gimbel Brothers and operated by John Dubeck of 44 O'Donnell avenue, Jamaica.

ORDER AS CHILDREN ESCAPE NEARBY FIRE

Three Alarm Blaze Threatens School and Church.

Fire on the third floor of the garage and stable of the Ebling Brewery, 156th to 157th street and St. Ann's street, yesterday afternoon swept through the building, damaged a syrup plant on the brewery property and destroyed twenty-five gasoline and electric trucks in the garage.

BARTENDER BEATEN UP IN DRY AGENTS' OFFICE

Had Answered Subpoena After Dry Agent Was Beaten.

Prohibition Agents Peter Reager and James Shannon last Friday walked into the saloon of Michael Kravay, 159 Yonkers avenue, Yonkers, where it is alleged they purchased drinks of whiskey from Stephen Radchowsky, the bartender, who was summoned to appear at the Federal Building in this city yesterday.

BROKER GOES TO JAIL

Unable to make bonds aggregating \$42,800, George Vickers, a broker of 42 Broadway, was lodged in Ludlow Street Jail last Saturday on a charge of stock conversion. He was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Murphy on complaint of James J. Godfrey, who alleged that Vickers had converted stock of the Mother Lode Copper Mining Company of Alaska which had been given in June, 1919, as collateral for a loan.

SEVEN HOUSES BURNED; SEVENTY ARE HOMELESS

Families in Astoria Driven Into Drizzle.

WAN RIPER SOUGHT IN EVERY PERIOD FOR FIVE

Alleged Backer of John H. Martin Wanted in Two Court Proceedings.

SOLVENT, BROKER SAYS

Another Man Denies Any Association With the Food Corporation.

Court officers in the bankruptcy of the Empire Food Products Company and in the pending bankruptcy petition against the John H. Martin Company, stock brokers, searched yesterday in vain for Lewis C. Van Riper, alleged backer of the food company, and for John H. Martin, head of the firm which is alleged to have sold stock in the company.

Arthur L. Ross, attorney for the petitioner against Martin, questioned Alexander Ackerson, attorney for Van Riper and for Martin, before Harold P. Coffin, commissioner for the special master. Leon Dashew, attorney for the receiver of the food company, questioned Ackerson before Coffin, as referee. He refused to give the address of either client. He stated afterward he would be willing to produce them if he could obtain certain conditions for their examination, which he did not disclose.

Ackerson contended that Martin is not bankrupt and that Mrs. John Julian of Kensington, Conn., the bankruptcy petitioner, is not a creditor. He placed Martin's assets at \$66,000 and his liabilities at \$4,100, and asserted that the petition is an act of "malicious persecution."

Dashew examined Walter S. Morton, president, and John D. Genger, secretary of the Pearson Engineering Corporation, in whose offices in the Flat Building, Broadway and Fifty-seventh street, the receiver has seized furniture as assets of the bankrupt Empire Food Products Company.

Samuel Levine of 1061 Tinton avenue, The Bronx, denied the published statement based upon the bankruptcy minutes, that he ever was president of the Empire Food Products Corporation, which was organized following the bankruptcy of the Empire Food Products Company and which had offices in the rooms of the Pearson Engineering Corporation. He is the second person, alleged in the record of the testimony to have been an officer, who has denied any connection with the concern.

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Seven bugs for five days, feeding them all sorts of things, and one by one they curled up and died, until only one was left. This one was measured. He is one-third of an inch long, has a head that resembles that of a mouse, two long feelers sticking out from his lower lip, four feet, and is brownish green in color.

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Prof. Meutcher said the bug once was so numerous that he caused much damage to furs and skins, and that some years ago he became such a plague in London that a reward of \$100,000 was offered for some means of extermination. He is related to the larger beetle, which ruins hams and bacon by burrowing into them.

The Christmas Store of John Wanamaker

Astor Place at Ninth Street Telephone 4700 Stuyvesant Store Hours: 9 to 6

"Dinna Ye Mind"

how your sweet old mother used to say: "A green Christmas means a white Easter" and "a windy St. Patrick's Day?"

Truly the words of the old mother have a long life. They keep on coming back and coming back.

"The mither's breath is aye sweet," a full-grown young daughter is saying, proud and happy to have a mother living to give a present to this Christmas!

President Harrison's old Indiana friend, Lew Wallace, who wrote "Ben Hur," once said, "God may have thought He could not be everywhere, therefore He made mothers."

[Signed] John Wanamaker

Written December 14, 1921.

Christmas Sale of Oriental Rugs

Where is the home that doesn't long for more Oriental rugs? No home ever has enough. There is always room for "just one more." Here is the opportunity to give a fine Oriental rug for Christmas at a lower-than-expected price.

Table with columns: Name, Size, Grade, Sale Price. Lists various rug types like Gorovan, Mahal, Kermanshah, Sarouk with their dimensions and prices.

Fine Rugs in carpet sizes

Small and Medium Rugs \$38 Rugs for \$19 25 Belochistan rugs in rich dark shades of blue and soft red; some tan; average size 5 x 3 feet.

\$95 to \$175 Hall Strips now \$66 to \$125 50 antique and modern Persian and Karadja hall strips in sizes from 8 ft. 6 in. x 3 ft. 8 in. to 17 ft. 7 in. x 2 ft. 9 in.

\$135 Rugs for \$90 25 Lelihan Dozar rugs, rich silky effects in small, well covered designs; average size 6 ft. 2 in. x 4 ft. 9 in.

\$75 Mosoul Rugs, \$56 35 rich silky Persian Mosouls in average size 6 ft. 6 in. x 3 ft. 6 in. Chinese Rugs Less 250 small and medium size rugs, ranging from 4 x 2 feet to 6 x 4 feet.

26.25 to \$82.50 for the \$35 to \$110 grades 30 room size Chinese rugs, ranging from 9 x 6 feet to 13 ft. 3 in. x 9 ft. 10 in.

\$93.75 to \$270 for the \$125 to \$360 grades Sixth Gallery, New Building

IN THE FASHION SALONS



All of Our Luxurious EVENING WRAPS Offered at One-third Less

A SALE OF TRUE MAGNIFICENCE

Yesterday—\$75 to \$495 Today—\$50 to \$330

Still an unusually fine collection of evening coats and capes of velvets and metal brocades of surpassing loveliness.

Many are copies of the most successful Paris wraps of the season.

Most of them are fur-trimmed, of course, with the finest of pelts—ermine, fox, badger, squirrel, minkskin.

Second Floor, Old Building

In the Women's Sports Shop A Sale of \$69 to \$79 English Cravenetted Topcoats for \$39.50

Misty Plaids in Smart Colors

Lovely heather tones—grays, tans, blues, all faintly plaided in contrasting colors.

A typically English model; great collar and wide revers, deep pockets and raglan sleeves—to be worn with or without the belt.

Perfectly cut—with just the right flare—and full length. Second Floor, Old Building

THE WANAMAKER GALLERY Modern Decorative Art



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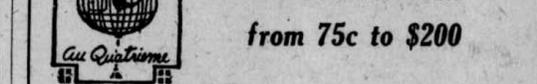
The first shipment is just off the steamer—and it comes exclusively to the Wanamaker Store.

What is the scent? An exquisite echo of the Orient! Ever since the visit of the Emperor of Annam last Summer the Fashion dictators of Paris have turned to the magnificent arts and beauties of L'Indochine for their inspiration.

Vision d'Annam Extract, \$5 and \$15. Extract, pocket size, in red leather case, \$2. Vision d'Annam Sachet, \$1.50. Vision d'Annam Face Powder, \$1.50. Vision d'Annam Toilet Water, \$3 and \$5.

Also rouge, talcum powder and brillantines—and gift sets at \$18. Street Floor, Old Building

A U Q U A T R I E M E Presents for Men from 75c to \$200



Smoking Things Nickel cigarette boxes, lined with cedar, clear glass tops, \$12 and \$15.

Ash trays of colored glass, Quimper ware, French faience, and engraved pewter, 75c to \$15.

Carved walnut smoking stands, with engraved pewter removable trays, \$75.

Large box of polished thuya, with hinged tray for cigarettes and divided lower compartment for cigars, \$65.

Smoking sets of painted tin. Tray, cigarette box, match box and ash tray in black, blue and green. Borders of small flowers, and design of flags with "Vive la France" on the cigarette box, \$10.

Writing Things Brown leather portfolio, gold tooled, \$35.

Dark red leather book for photographs, \$35. Lacquered portfolio, desk pad and letter rack, gold chinoiserie on black, \$200 the set.

Lamps Wrought iron floor lamps, \$20 and \$35. Paper shades for these with bands of plain colors, \$7.50 and \$12.

Persian oil jars wired for lamps, \$45, \$65 and \$85. Wrought iron stand for fish globe, sea horse design in base, \$18.

Wide flat colored glass fish bowls to fit these stands, \$25. Au Quatrieme also suggests as presents for men the sets of glasses in all sizes and shapes which are so important a part of its Venetian glass stock.

Fourth Floor, Old Building

IN THE BOYS' OWN SHOP Boys' English-Made Sailor Suits From Barran's of London and Leeds A Sale!

Mothers who realize the exclusiveness and charm of English-made sailor suits for small boys will be delighted to choose from this limited lot.

At One-third Less The suits are made on The Royal Navy lines, and are of the highest order in fabric, style and fit.

All in sizes from 3 to 10 years.

Blue Serge Sailor Suits \$6.50, were \$9.75—with short trousers. \$11, were \$16.50—with short trousers. \$13.25, were \$20—with long trousers.

Wash Sailor Suits \$4.25, were \$6.50—stripes, galates, with short trousers. \$5.50, were \$9.00—white drill, with short trousers. \$5.25, were \$9.15—white drill, with short trousers.

The latter two have detachable collars of blue drill. Street Floor, New Building

EVERYTHING FOR THE BOY